



Fig. 1. *Macropodus cupanus* (scale bar in mm)

and shallow waters, generally within or not far removed from tidal influence". He also mentioned that it was found "..... in the Bhavani at Mettupalaiyam and also along the base of the ghats in Canara. It lurks under stones, or among weeds, and becomes very tame in the aquarium. It grows to about 3 inches in length." He had described the colour of the fish as rifle-green.

Jayaram (1981) included this fish under family Belontiidae and subfamily Macropodinae and marked it as

the species visiting freshwater; the distribution is given as "..... Kerala, Coromandel and Western Ghats". *Macropodus* has also been reported from brackish water ponds of Goa by Tilak (1973) with a comment on distribution as "..... found in pools and ponds along the coasts of India."

Jones (1940) gave an interesting account of the breeding habits and early embryonic development of this fish. He found the fish to be: common in tanks, lakes and ditches; capable of breathing atmospheric air; capable of burrowing in mud when frightened; an important mosquito larvivore and one in which larvae possess cement glands.

This report is based on a single specimen, collected alive from the river. An attempt is being made to locate the population around this area.

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30. DISTRIBUTION OF THE AMPHIBIAN FAUNA OF INDIA

The amphibian fauna of India and their distribution have been described by Inger and Dutta (1986). Chanda and Ghosh (1988) added a few more species not listed by Inger and Dutta. The collection data of amphibian fauna in BNHS collection shows that some of the species have been collected from states other than those mentioned by

Inger and Dutta, and Chanda and Ghosh. In this note the extension of range for some species, not reported earlier, is given.

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Species	Known occurrence (Inger & Dutta 1986)	Extension of known occurrence
ANURA		
BUFONIDAE		
1. <i>Bufo himalayana</i> Gunther, 1894	Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim, West Bengal	Uttar Pradesh
2. <i>Bufo microtympanum</i> Boulenger, 1882	Kerala	Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra
3. <i>Bufo stomaticus</i> Lutken, 1862	Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Orissa, West Bengal	Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh
MICROHYLIDAE		
4. <i>Kaloula pulchra</i> Gray, 1831	Assam, Karnataka, West Bengal	Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh (Daniel & Verma 1963)
5. <i>Microhyla rubra</i> (Jerdon, 1854)	Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka
6. <i>Ramanella montana</i> (Jerdon, 1854)	Kerala, Maharashtra	Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka
7. <i>Ramanella variegata</i> (Stoliczka, 1872)	Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal	Maharashtra
8. <i>Uperodon globulosum</i> (Gunther, 1864)	Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, West Bengal	Goa, Gujarat
9. <i>Uperodon systoma</i> (Schneider, 1799)	Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal	Andhra Pradesh
RANIDAE		
10. <i>Micrixalus fuscus</i> (Boulenger, 1882)	Kerala	Tamil Nadu
11. <i>Nyctibatrachus humayuni</i> (Bhaduri & Kripalani, 1955)	Maharashtra	Goa
12. <i>Nyctibatrachus major</i> (Boulenger, 1882)	Kerala	Tamil Nadu
13. <i>Rana beddomii</i> (Gunther, 1875)	Kerala, Maharashtra	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu
14. <i>Rana brevipalmata</i> Peters, 1871	Kerala, Tamil Nadu	Karnataka
15. <i>Rana curtipes</i> Jerdon, 1853	Karnataka, Kerala	Tamil Nadu
16. <i>Rana diplosticta</i> (Gunther, 1875)	Kerala	Tamil Nadu
17. <i>Rana erythraea</i> (Schlegel, 1837)	Assam, Orissa, Meghalaya (according to Chanda & Ghosh 1988)	Nicobar Islands, Uttar Pradesh (Tilak & Ray, 1990)
18. <i>Rana hexadactyla</i> Lesson, 1834	Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan (?), Tamil Nadu, West Bengal	Goa

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19. <i>Rana keralensis</i> Dubois, 1980	Kerala	Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu
20. <i>Rana leithii</i> Boulenger, 1888	Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra	Tamil Nadu
21. <i>Rana leptodactyla</i> Boulenger, 1882	Kerala	Tamil Nadu
22. <i>Rana malabarica</i> Tchudi, 1838	Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra	Goa, Karnataka
23. <i>Rana semipalmata</i> Boulenger, 1882	Kerala	Tamil Nadu
24. <i>Rana syhadrensis</i> Annandale, 1919	Maharashtra, Orissa	Goa
25. <i>Rana temporalis</i> (Gunther, 1864)	Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra	Tamil Nadu
26. <i>Tomopterna breviceps</i> (Schneider, 1799)	Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal.	Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh
27. <i>Tomopterna rufescens</i> (Jerdon, 1854)	Kerala, Maharashtra	Goa, Karnataka
RHACOPHORIDAE		
28. <i>Philautus bombayensis</i> (Annandale, 1919)	Maharashtra	Goa
29. <i>Philautus chalazodes</i> (Gunther, 1865)	Kerala	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu
30. <i>Philautus glandulosus</i> (Jerdon, 1853)	Kerala, Maharashtra	Tamil Nadu
31. <i>Philautus leucorhinus</i> (Lichtenstein & Martens, 1856)	Kerala	Goa, Karnataka
32. <i>Philautus variabilis</i> (Gunther, 1858)	Andhra Pradesh, Kerala	Tamil Nadu, Karnataka
33. <i>Rhacophorus malabaricus</i> Jerdon, 1870	Karnataka, Kerala	Goa, Tamil Nadu
GYMNOPHIONA ICHTHYOPHIDAE		
34. <i>Ichthyophis sikkimensis</i> Taylor, 1960	Sikkim, West Bengal	Kerala

31. OCCURRENCE OF THE MALABAR TORRENT TOAD *ANSONIA ORNATA* GUNTHER IN SOUTH KANARA, KARNATAKA

The Malabar torrent toad *Ansonia ornata* is one of the little known anurans in India. The only known specimens of this brightly coloured toad are probably from the Brahmagiri hills in Coorg (Daniel, J.C., *JBNHS* 60: 415-438). I recently found quite a few individuals of this toad at Neria, a small hill station off the well known Dharmastala in the South Kanara district. Neria, despite its vast

stretches of coffee, rubber and cardomom estates, still retains a fair amount of tall rainforests along the slopes and higher reaches. It receives an annual rainfall of 4500-6000 mm, with only four dry months (December-March). The terrain is rugged with several narrow torrential streams that were flowing fast especially during October-November (1990) when I was there. the slimy rocks were